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Mr. James Larson  
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RE: Faribault Energy Park, LLC  
Acceptance of HVTL Route Application (Docket #04-79-TR-FEP HVTL)  
Acceptance of Pipeline Route Permit & Partial Exemption Application  
(Docket #04-80-PRP-FEP Pipeline)

Dear Mr. Larson:

On March 8, 2004, Faribault Energy Park, LLC (FEP) filed two applications with the Minnesota Environmental Quality Board (MEQB), one regarding a 115 kilovolt, high voltage transmission line (HVTL) and the other regarding a 16 inch, 400 psi underground natural gas pipeline. Both proposals are associated with the FEP's planned construction of a 250 mega-watt, dual fuel-fired, combined cycle power plant in the city of Faribault, Minnesota.

MEQB staff has reviewed your applications and has recommended that I find your applications consistent with the requirements of Minnesota Rules, part 4400.1150 and Minn. Rules, part 4415.0115, respectively.

The HVTL route permit application will be reviewed pursuant to the Alternative Permitting Review process procedures (Minnesota Rules, part 4400.2000). The pipeline route permit application will be reviewed pursuant to the partial exemption procedures of Minn. Rules, parts 4415.0035, 4415.0040 and 4415.0105.

Based upon the MEQB staff recommendation and my review, I am accepting the FEP applications with the understanding that any additional information required by the MEQB staff will be addressed promptly.

Because both the proposed HVTL and the proposed pipeline will be located completely on property owned by FEP, the same property associated with the FEP proposed natural gas power plant, I have decided not to appoint a citizen advisory task force for this project.

Mr. William Cole Storm will be the MEQB's staff project manager for this project and you can direct any future questions to him. We look forward to working with FEP to fully address any issues that may be raised in review of this application. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Robert A. Schroeder, Chair  
Environmental Quality Board